Hope Township Environmental Committee and Green Team Meeting

Tuesday, March 16, 2021

Zoom attendees: Raymond Ayers, Ellen Benoit, Margo Biblin, Lori Ostrzyzek, Monica Sobon

DISCUSSION NOTES

Conditional Usage—Gas Station in POP

 The PB is running another work meeting on April 5, 7:30pm to discuss what the POP zone should be and how to get there. Please join in.

Stormwater Control Ordinance

— This ordinance may prove to be critical in site plan reviews. In addition to the ANJEC general site plan review documents accessible from this page: https://anjec.org/category/land-use/siteplan-review/

we are looking into adopting a stormwater management best practices checklist. A sample is in this DEP document: https://www.nj.gov/dep/dwg/pdf/Tier A/Tier A Chapter 3-4.pdf

SJ Public Information and Engagement Opportunity

- Seeking everyone's input to test a database and to provide your impression: https://sites.google.com/site/hopenjenv/home/public-information-and-engagement scroll all the way down to the button: "Environmental Commission and Green Team Form" and fill out the information there, and then email back your impression, suggestions, etc.
- Don't forget to dive into the very comprehensive 50-page Final report, with myriad suggestions and opportunities, is available here: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1vtJRvDCdzMWU3HaMHKAEi9CSSuNTEtyp/view?usp=drive_web

 Nextdoor, a Free community social media service, is currently being reviewed to be another PIE endeavor. Sign up at nextdoor.com and join the "We are Hope" Group and see what you think?

SJ Technical Assistance for Energy Initiatives

— In addition to the audit done of Hope's 3 main buildings, energy tracking and Direct Install, discussion extended to EV vehicles and charging stations, idle reduction technology, street lights, dark sky and community solar. Next zoom March 18 with SJ consultant Tracey Woods.

Green Fair 2021, Saturday, April 24, 10am to 2pm, Hope School Lower Parking Lot

- Keep parking lot activities (such as Grange seeds give-away) to a minimum: Tree seedling distribution, E-waste collection for Abilities of NW Jersey, WC Sheriffs Project Medicine Drop, US Flag drop.
- Emphasize Town Ticket, Spring Displays, and encourage any vendors/exhibitors to set up displays in places or businesses in town
- Improve and expand the Online Green Fair
- Land of Make Believe has donated (4) family 4-pack tickets for a raffle their generosity is much appreciated!

Sustainable Jersey Recertification deadline May 2022

— Check into Actions and follow our progress at: https://sites.google.com/site/hopenjenv/home/discussion

Open Space

 Follow up on whether another Hope Commission is pursuing an Open Space Inventory. Identify Open Space Funds status and availability.

By Laws

 General agreement that the EC should have by-laws. Requesting everyone weigh in on what by-laws the EC should adopt.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn M.Biblin; second: L. Ostrzyzek; at 9:17 PM